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"AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Department of
4 Social Services shall establish a state-wide single point of entry system
5 for individuals seeking long-term care. The goal of the single point of
6 entry system shall be to (1) permit any individual seeking long-term
7 care services in the state to obtain the same information on long-term
8 care services from any one of the entities designated as a single point
9 of entry agency pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2)
10 promote consumer choice of long-term care options.

11 (b) The Department of Social Services, in consultation with the
12 Long-Term Care Advisory Council and members of the public, shall
13 designate geographical service areas for the establishment of single
14 point of entry agencies. The department shall select entities to serve as
15 such single point of entry agencies for each of the geographical service

16 areas through a request for proposals process.

17 (c) Each entity designated a single point of entry agency pursuant to
18 subsection (b) of this section shall be required to:

19 (1) Work collaboratively with each other to operate the single point
20 of entry system;

21 (2) Provide to all individuals seeking information on long-term care,
22 including individuals who pay privately for such care, with
23 information on all the long-term care options and services available in
24 the state, including community and home-based care and nursing
25 home care;

26 (3) Assess an individual's eligibility for long-term care services and
27 programs in the state, including Medicaid and other public programs
28 and services offered by private and nonprofit organizations, through a
29 comprehensive, uniform screening process;

30 (4) Assist individuals in obtaining a timely determination of
31 eligibility from the Department of Social Services for publicly funded
32 long-term care services and programs;

33 (5) Assist individuals in developing a long-term care support plan
34 that is person-centered throughout the planning process; and

35 (6) Implement quality assurance standards and procedures.

36 (d) In addition to the requirements established in subsection (c) of
37 this section, the Commissioner of Social Services may establish
38 additional requirements, criteria and standards for the operation of
39 agencies designated as single point of entry agencies. The
40 commissioner shall implement a quality assurance program to
41 measure the performance of such designated agencies. Any designated
42 entity that fails to meet the requirements and standards in subsection
43 (c) of this section, any additional criteria established under this
44 subsection or the commissioner's quality assurance measures may be
45 subject to termination as a single point of entry agency.

46 Sec. 2. Section 17b-367 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes
 47 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 48 *1, 2008*):

49 The Office of Policy and Management, [within existing budgetary
 50 resources and] in consultation with the [Select Committee on Aging]
 51 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 52 matters relating to aging, the Commission on Aging, personnel
 53 designated by the Commissioner of Social Services who administer the
 54 CHOICES health insurance assistance program, personnel who
 55 administer the single point of entry system established in section 1 of
 56 this act and the Long-Term Care Advisory Council, shall develop and
 57 maintain a single consumer-oriented Internet [website] web site that
 58 provides comprehensive information on long-term care options that
 59 are available in Connecticut and information on the single point of
 60 entry system established pursuant to section 1 of this act. The [website]
 61 web site shall also include direct links and referral information
 62 regarding long-term care resources, including private and nonprofit
 63 organizations offering advice, counseling and legal services."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17b-367